

through the wafer; and

a layer of highly reflective material formed on an inner surface of the high aspect ratio hole.

99. (Amended) The integrated circuit of claim 97, wherein the mirror-like layer is formed [by a self-limiting deposition process] to provide a reflective surface that is substantially uniform.

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed and considered the Office Action mailed on March 21, 2002, and the references cited therewith.

Claims 91, 94 and 99 are amended. Claims 91-99 are now pending in this application.

Claim 94 has been amended to correct a typographical error.

Claim Objections

Claims 91-99 were objected to because of informalities. Claim 91 has been amended according to the Examiner's suggestion. Accordingly, Applicant requests withdrawal of this objection.

§112 Rejection of the Claims

Claim 99 was rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Claim 99 has been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Section 112 rejection of claim 99 is respectfully solicited.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 91-99 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 1-26 of U.S. Patent No. 6,198,168 (303.388US1). A Terminal Disclaimer will be considered when all claims are indicated to be otherwise allowable.

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CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney, Charles Moore, at (919) 319-7608 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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